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National Parks: A Priority for Montana, A Priority for the Nation

Bill Berg, April 17 2008

NPCA's History & Mission



"To protect and enhance America's National Park System for present and future generations."



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Park Funding is the Priority



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One out of every 4 new businesses in Montana is owned by someone who came here for a vacation



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The Problem: Insufficient Funding



- \$750 Million Operations Shortfall
- \$4.5 to \$9.7 ***BILLION*** Maintenance Backlog



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Yellowstone \$20 Million Annual Shortfall



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Glacier

\$7 Million Annual Shortfall



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- Operations Increase
- Centennial Challenge



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Senator John Tester



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The Centennial Challenge

A Closer Look



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Glacier Challenge Projects

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- Glacier's Centennial Celebration in 2010
- Handicapped Accessible and Environmental Education Support Facilities- Lake McDonald Lodge
- Integrated Ecosystem Management in the Crown of the Continent Project



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Yellowstone Challenge Projects

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- "No Child Left Inside" initiative
- Virtual Greater Yellowstone Science Learning Center
- New Old Faithful Visitor Education Center



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National Park Mountain

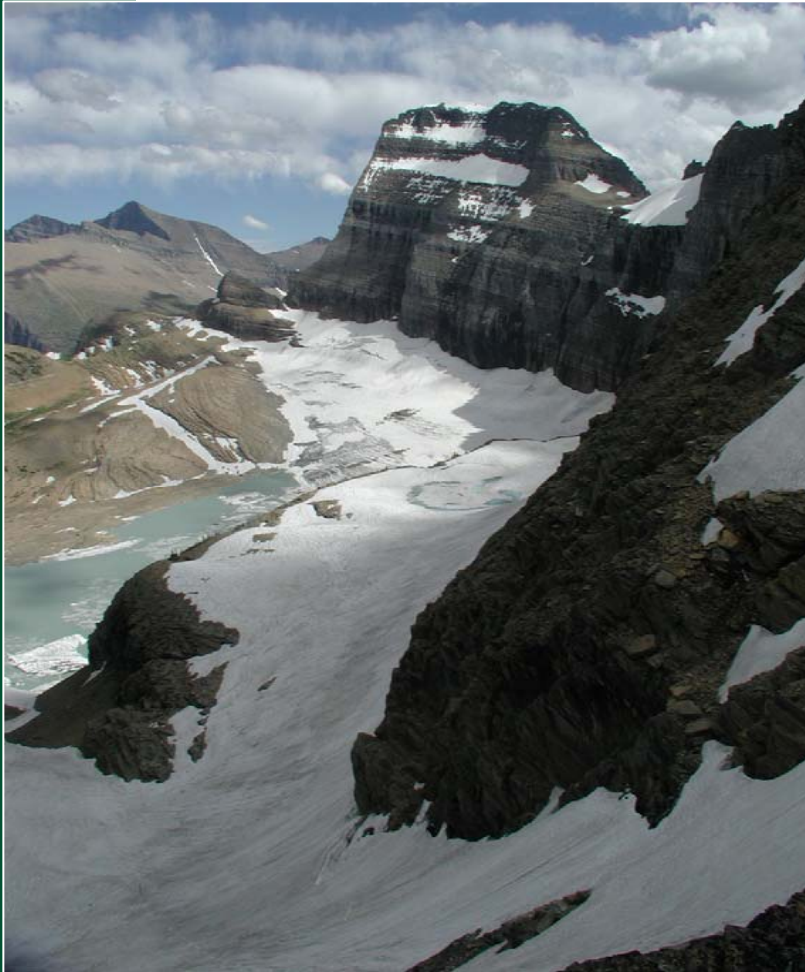


Madison Junction



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What You Can Do

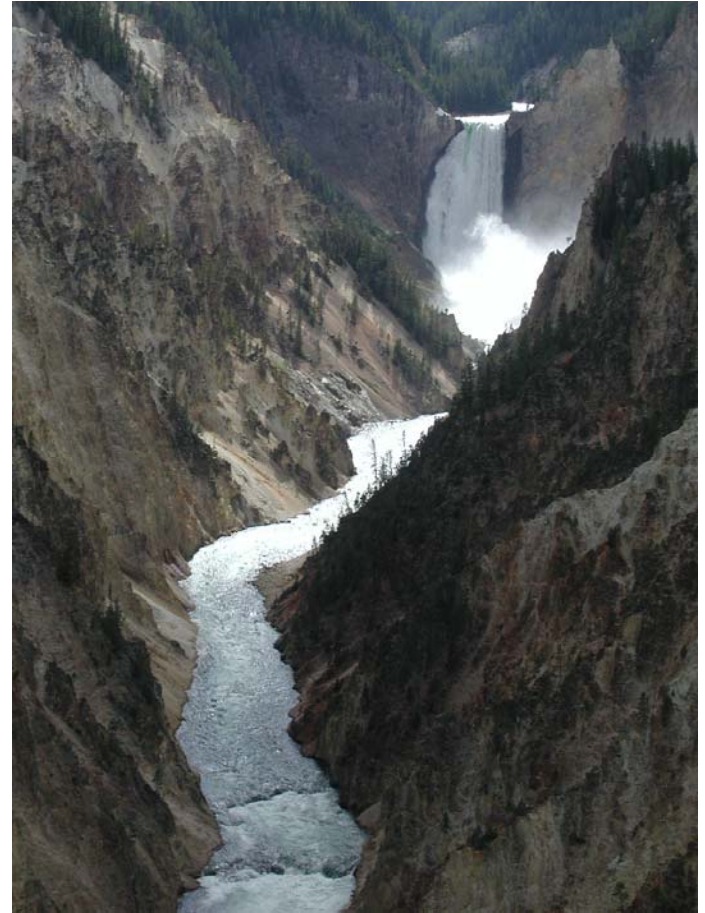


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- Spread the Word



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